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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENATOR DAILLY

1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT YET HAVE FULL INFORMATION ON DAILLY'S PROGRAM, WHICH WAS ARRANGED BY FRENCH EMBASSY. ALL REPORTS WE HAVE, HOWEVER, INDICATE DAILLY, HIS DELEGATION, AND THE EMBASSY HERE ARE PLEASED WITH THE VISIT AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE GROUP HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

2. DAILLY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, MET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AT HIS SENATE OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 14 FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES. ACCORDING TO VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, THE MEETING WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY. DISCUSSION WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF FRANCO-US FRIENDSHIP AND EXCHANGES OF VISITS OVER THE PAST YEAR -- THE US VISITS OF DAILLY AND GISCARD AND THE FRENCH TRIP OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WERE AGREED TO HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. DAILLY PRESENTED THE VICE PRESIDENT A MEDALLION AND REPLICAS OF THE GIFTS HE HAD GIVEN THE CONGRESS, AND HE RECEIVED A BOOK ON ART AT THE CAPITOL.

3. AT WELL ATTENDED LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SENATE FOREIGN REL
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TIONS COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 8, DAILLY GAVE AN IMPRESSIVE

SPEECH -- WHICH HE REPORTEDLY WROTE HIMSELF -- PAYING TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS FRANCO-AMERICAN

FRIENDSHIP. SOME US SENATORS MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE PRESENT AT SOME TIME DURING THE LUNCH DESPITE A HEAVY SENATE AGENDA. LIST OF GUESTS BEING POUCHED.

4. ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 8, THE FRENCH SENATORS MET IN THE DEPARTMENT WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FOR A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. THE MEETING WHICH DEVELOPED AS A QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION COVERED US POLICY QUESTIONS IN VIRTUALLY ALL AREAS EXCEPT LATIN AMERICA. THE SENATORS WERE CHALLENGING BUT NOT CONTENTIOUS AND APPEARED TO APPRECIATE THE FRANK ANSWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. (NOTES OF THE DISCUSSION SENT SEPARATELY.) THE MEETING CONTINUED WELL BEYOND CLOSING TIME UNTIL DAILY SUGGESTED (ABOUT 6:1 P.M.) -- TO THE DISMAY OF SOME OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION -- THAT THEY ADJOURN. HABIB

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